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2. Cong. Emanuel Celler (D., N. Y.) announced that he planned to introduce a bill similar to Sen. Mansfield's to establish a Joint Committee on CIA. He stated that such a Committee would "in no way hamper or interfere with the vital and necessary work" of the CIA which "has carte blanche authority to act as it sees fit". He stated that this situation was not consistent with our democratic principles, and stated further that Congress "should know how the funds it has appropriated to this Agency are being expended if for no other reason than to evaluate the worth of the taxpayers' investment in this Agency". He stated that his proposal "should be no reflection or intimation that there is anything wrong or at fault with that Agency. I merely believe that the Congress should have access to all the facts consistent with national security if it is to legislate wisely".

3. Wayne Brobeck, Acting Executive Director of the staff of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, has written Legislative Counsel to state that on 27 October a CIA messenger delivered voluminous classified data (not Restricted Data) to the Committee office to a person not authorized to receive it. On inventorying the shipment gross discrepancies were found in the quantity of material. It was the Committee's understanding that they were to receive 25 copies of 52 different country summaries. Actually they received copies varying in numbers from 23 to 30. They asked that we

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conform our lists so that an exact inventory can be had. I have determined that this material was forwarded from NED/OSI for the use of the Panel on peacetime applications of atomic energy, and the whole matter has been referred to , the Acting Director of Security.

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4. Mr. Gomien, of the office of Sen. Dirksen, called to state that a local attorney had telephoned Sen. Dirksen in Illinois in connection with the controversy over the CIA building and said that we were by-passing the National Capital Planning Commission in every respect. I informed Mr. Gomien of our numerous contacts with NCPC and that we were in fact making our formal presentation to them on 4 November.

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